



**RESPONSE UNDER 37 CFR 1.116  
EXPEDITED PROCEDURE  
EXAMINING GROUP 2157  
Docket No.: 1405.1034**

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re the Application of:

Satoshi OKUYAMA, et al.

Serial No. 09/772,000

Group Art Unit: 2157

Confirmation No. 8470

Filed: January 30, 2001

Examiner: Avi M. Gold

For: TEXT MESSAGING SYSTEM AND METHOD

**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Commissioner for Patents  
PO Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Attention: BOX AF

Sir:

This Preliminary Amendment is submitted for filing with an RCE being filed concurrently herewith. This Preliminary Amendment, further, is responsive to the Final Office Action mailed May 21, 2007 and Advisory Action mailed October 16, 2007.

A Response to the Final Office Action and a Petition for One Month Extension with requisite fee was filed on September 20, 2007.

A Petition for a third-month Extension of Time, together with the requisite fee for same, is submitted herewith, thereby extending the period for response to November 21, 2007.

The following amendments and remarks are respectfully submitted. Reconsideration of the claims is respectfully requested.